

shining like stars

Daniel 10-12

- BEFORE the growth group gathers

Read Daniel chapter 10-12 and make some notes



What shines out?



What is hard to understand?

- WHEN the growth group gathers

Discuss - Take some time to reflect together on the things you remember from the book of Daniel. What have been the highlights from the stories [chapters 1-6] and the visions [chapters 7-12]. Discuss what have been the dominant 1 or two themes that have held the book together.

Read Daniel 10.1-11.1:

1. What, according to the man in Daniel's vision, is the main theme for these chapters (10.1; 14)?

skim read Daniel 11.2-45:

2. There is a lot of detail and this presents a difficulty for interpretation but the big picture seems to be the same as we've seen from Daniel chapters 7-12. Help each other think through the big ideas of what this vision showed Daniel. You could start with the kingdoms Daniel was told about:

3. Reflect together on the emotions you felt as you read and talked about this interpretation.

Read Daniel 12:

4. What is the promise for God's people? What might they think and feel in response?

5. What is the promise for those who are not God's people?

6. What, from the book of Daniel, persuades you that God's promises are believable?

Read Philippians 2.1-18:

7. How does this chapter parallel Daniel's Son of Man (Daniel chapter 7) and why is He the basis for obedience?

8. Discuss some practical ways of how to implement the parallel ideas of 'those who lead many to righteousness' (Daniel 12) and 'as you hold out the world of life' (Phil 2.16)

9. Encourage each other by discussing the power of the 'hope' highlighted by Daniel chapter 12. How is Daniel chapter 12 a fitting climax to the constant theme of obedience that runs throughout Daniel? How does this 'hope' spur you on to the godly living raised here Philippians 2.12-18?

10. Take time to encourage and challenge each other again about the lessons of priorities and commitment to the Kingdom of God that are at the forefront of Daniel's stories and visions of kings and kingdoms.

Pray earnestly for strength and wisdom to pursue the things of the kingdom of Jesus above the things of this world.